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a biometric sensor disposed at a location such that when operating said pointing device in a normal manner a user's foot rests naturally in a position to place a toe of the user's foot in proximity to and readable by said biometric sensor; and
a verification system for operably communicating with the electronic system, the verification system comprising a user storage, an authorization profile storage, and an audit log storage, the audit log storage being configured to store:

- (a) user identification information from said biometric sensor in response to a denial of access to said electronic system; and
 - (b) user identification information from said biometric sensor and attempted transaction information in response to a denial of access to perform a specific transaction within said electronic system.
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REMARKS

This amendment is being filed concurrently with an Appeal Brief. Claims 1 and 61 have been amended to correct a spelling error and to remove an occurrence of the word "and." Claim 59 has been canceled so that it may be pursued in a continuing application. Claims 1, 2, 7-24, 49-58, 60-61 and 67-81 remain pending (and are being appealed).

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AMENDMENT APPENDIX A

AMENDED CLAIMS – S/N 09/584,162

1.(Amended) A pointing device comprising:

- an interface for operably communicating with an electronic system;
- a position sensor, responsive to user movement thereof, for conveying positional information by way of said interface to the electronic system;
- a [user-depressable] user-depressible button for conveying selection information by way of said interface to the electronic system;
- a biometric sensor disposed at a location such that when operating said pointing device in a normal manner a user's hand rests naturally in a position to place a finger of the user's hand in proximity to and readable by said biometric sensor; and
- a verification system for operably communicating with the electronic system, the verification system comprising a user storage, an authorization profile storage, and an audit log storage, the audit log storage being configured to store:
 - (a) user identification information from said biometric sensor in response to a denial of access to said electronic system; and
 - (b) user identification information from said biometric sensor and attempted transaction information in response to a denial of access to perform a specific transaction within said electronic system.

59. (Canceled) The pointing device of claim 56, wherein at least a portion of the substance detection sensor overlaps the biometric sensor.

61. (Amended) A pointing device comprising:

- an interface for operably communicating with an electronic system;
- a position sensor, responsive to user movement thereof, for conveying positional information by way of said interface to the electronic system;
- a [user-depressable] user-depressible button for conveying selection information by way of said interface to the electronic system; [and]

a biometric sensor disposed at a location such that when operating said pointing device in a normal manner a user's foot rests naturally in a position to place a toe of the user's foot in proximity to and readable by said biometric sensor; and
a verification system for operably communicating with the electronic system, the verification system comprising a user storage, an authorization profile storage, and an audit log storage, the audit log storage being configured to store:

- (a) user identification information from said biometric sensor in response to a denial of access to said electronic system; and
- (b) user identification information from said biometric sensor and attempted transaction information in response to a denial of access to perform a specific transaction within said electronic system.